

to deepen the friendship between the United States of America and Angola and will set up the basis to establish a trade exchange for more investors to go to Angola in order for them, together with us, to launch into the adventure of economic reconstruction and to consolidate peace and national reconciliation.

### ***U.S. Aid to Angola***

**Q.** Will he be asking for aid for his oil industry during his visit, and how much aid will he be asking for if he is?

**President dos Santos.** We've come to thank you for the assistance that has been given to us, the assistance that has been given to us to maintain peace. But we also intend to go from this phase of assistance to trade and investment. There are sectors whereby we will be together with the United States of America, and one of those sectors is the oil sector, where the big investments from the United States will be. In other words, we want more investment, not only in the oil sectors but in other sectors of our economy which are open.

### ***Government Shutdown***

**Q.** Do you think there's going to be a Government shutdown again?

**President Clinton.** I certainly hope not. I have done exactly what I've said I'd do. I vetoed the budget that was passed, and then I made an alternative budget, which I presented yesterday, that fulfills the criteria of the resolution: it's a 7-year budget; it protects Medicare, Medicaid, education, the environment; it doesn't raise taxes on working people. That's the commitment that I made, and I hope that it will be taken as a good-faith gesture by the Republicans, and we'll have some further negotiations.

Now, apparently, they're deciding what they want to do. But I have done what I think I should do, and this budget would be good for America. It will balance the budget and keep our commitments to our future, to our children, to our environment, and to the health care system of this country.

**Q.** Will you try to keep them in session if they close down the Government?

**The President.** Well, let's see. I think—that is December 8th? We've got a week,

and I think they're waiting for—maybe to do some calibrations of their own on their own numbers. I don't know, but I don't think we should assume that this thing is going to break down. I'm prepared to work as hard as I can to do anything I can to keep working to try to resolve this in a positive way. That's why I presented this budget and why I hope that they will respond in good faith, just as I have.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:41 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### ***December 2***

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled from Dublin, Ireland, to Ramstein, Germany, and then to Baumholder, Germany.

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton had lunch with American troops of the 1st Armored Division at Baumholder Army Base.

In the early evening, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Ramstein, Germany, and then to Madrid, Spain.

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton toured the Prado Museum in Madrid.

### ***December 3***

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Washington, DC, and in the evening, they attended the Kennedy Center Honors at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

### ***December 5***

In the morning, the President met with Bosnian refugee families who have resettled in the United States.

The President announced the release of the second report on Federal agencies' customer service standards issued by the National Performance Review.

#### **December 6**

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, Alfred C. DeCotiis, and Joseph Lane Kirkland to be alternate representatives to the 50th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The President announced his intention to appoint James Hamilton and the reappointment of Anthony S. Harrington and Robert J. Hermann to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

#### **December 7**

In the afternoon, the President attended a Democratic National Committee luncheon at the Hay Adams Hotel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mack G. Fleming as a member of the World War II Memorial Advisory Board.

#### **December 8**

The President announced his intention to appoint Curtis A. Prins to the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Andrew A. Rosenberg as a member of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jim Kelly to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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#### **Submitted December 4**

Susan R. Baron,  
of Maryland, to be a member of the National Corporation for Housing Partnerships for the term expiring October 27, 1997 (reappointment).

Barry M. Goldwater, Sr.,  
of Arizona, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Communications Satellite Corporation until the date of the annual meeting of the Corporation in 1998 (reappointment).

Peter S. Knight,  
of the District of Columbia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Communications Satellite Corporation until the date of the annual meeting of the Corporation in 1999 (reappointment).

#### **Submitted December 7**

Charles N. Clevert, Jr.,  
of Wisconsin, to be a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, vice Terence T. Evans, elevated.

Bernice B. Donald,  
of Tennessee, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, vice Odell Horton, resigned.

Charles H. Twining,  
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

#### **Submitted December 8**

C. Lynwood Smith,  
of Alabama, to be U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, vice E.B. Haltom, Jr., retired.

#### **Withdrawn December 8**

C. Richard Allen,  
of Maryland, to be a Managing Director of the Corporation for National and Community Service (new position), which was sent to the Senate on June 6, 1995.